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AMENDMENTS

The first sentence of the Specification should read:

This application is a divisional of co-pending Serial No. 09/474,493, filed 29 December 1999, which is a Continuation-in-Part Application of co-pending Serial No. 09/431,732 filed 1 November 1999, which claims the benefit of prior provisional application Serial No. 60/133,810, filed on 11 May 1999.

Please add the following new claims:

Claim 118

A pre-packaged cheese bag, said bag comprising:

at least one sheet of web material having at least one fold structure and an opening located generally opposite said fold structure;

at least one reclosable fastener structure including a skirt structure of skirt web material extending therefrom;

said skirt structure including a distal margin;

said distal margin being coupled to said web material at, at least one predetermined location; and

said pre-packaged cheese bag being filled with at least one cheese.

Claim 119

A pre-packaged cheese bag, said bag comprising:

at least one sheet of web material having at least one fold structure;

at least one reclosable fastener structure coupled to said sheet of web material at, at least one predetermined location said location being generally opposite said fold structure; and

said pre-packaged cheese bag being filled with at least one cheese.

Claim 120

A pre-packaged cheese bag, said bag comprising:

at least one sheet of web material;

a reclosable fastener structure coupled to said sheet of web material at, at least one predetermined location; and

a cheese sealed within said bag.

Claim 121

The pre-packaged cheese bag of claim 120 wherein said at least one sheet of web material further includes a fold structure located generally opposite said reclosable fastener structure.

Claim 122

The pre-packaged cheese bag of claim 118 wherein said skirt web material is integral to said reclosable fastener structure.

Claim 123

The pre-packaged cheese bag of claim 118 wherein said skirt web material is coupled to said reclosable fastener structure.

Claim 124

The pre-packaged cheese bag of claim 122 wherein said integral skirt includes an outside surface and an inside surface; the distal margin being located on the outside surface; the inside surface including a predetermined area having a releasable adhesive material thereon; whereby a peelable seal may be formed.

Claim 125

The pre-packaged cheese bag of claim 118 wherein said web material of said pre-packaged bag is substantially comprised of a sheet of a parent film material having predetermined dimensions.

Claim 126

The prepackaged cheese bag of claim 118 further including at least two areas of structural weakness and wherein said fold structure is located between and defined by said two areas of structural weakness.

Claim 127

The pre-packaged cheese bag of claim 126 wherein said areas of structural weakness are integral to said parent film.

Claim 128

The pre-packaged cheese bag of claim 126 wherein said areas of structural weakness extend linearly across a predetermined dimension of said sheet of web material.

Claim 129

The pre-packaged cheese bag of claim 128 wherein said predetermined dimension is width.

Claim 130

The pre-packaged cheese bag of claim 128 wherein said predetermined dimension is length.

Claim 131

The pre-packaged cheese bag of claim 126 wherein said areas of structural weakness extend non-linearly across a predetermined dimension of said sheet of web material.

Claim 132

The pre-packaged cheese bag of claim 131 wherein said predetermined dimension is width.

Claim 133

The pre-packaged cheese bag of claim 131 wherein said predetermined dimension is length.

Claim 134

The pre-packaged cheese bag of claim 126 wherein said areas of structural weakness extend across a predetermined dimension of said sheet of web material in a predetermined pattern.

Claim 135

The pre-packaged cheese bag of claim 126 wherein said areas of structural weakness comprise perforations.

Claim 136

The pre-packaged cheese bag of claim 126 wherein said areas of structural weakness comprise scoring.

Claim 137

The pre-packaged cheese bag of claim 126 wherein said areas of structural weakness micro-perforations.

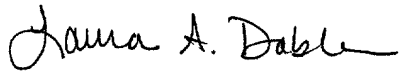
REMARKS

The foregoing amendment represents correction of the priority statement in the first sentence of the Specification and addition of claims supported in the Specification. No new matter has been added. The claims are directed to a pre-packaged cheese bag having a slider-type reclosable fastener as seen in the figures.

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